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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Expert Panel on the Role of Science At EPA

TO: Steve Parrish

FROM: Lisa Barrera lisa

As previously discussed, we have been pursuing the latest status of the Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Expert Panel on the Role of Science at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). EPA is in the midst of deciding what their milestones will be for completing the Panel's activities in the next two to three months. Although nothing is firm, with the charter for the Panel expiring in February 1992, it appears that EPA is trying to have the transmittal of the Panel Report to the EPA Administrator coincide with the January 1992 meeting of the SAB Executive Committee.

The following are summary points of information on the status of the Panel's activities:

- The Panel was established on May 22, 1991 by EPA Deputy Administrator Henry (Hank) Habicht.

- The purpose of the Panel is to provide independent advice and counsel to the EPA Administrator on how best to integrate current, objective scientific information into the process of EPA policy development and program decision-making. The Panel will provide expert advice on the role of science at EPA and will work with EPA program offices.

- The four members of the Panel are:

    1. Dr. Raymond C. Loehr, Chairman of EPA's Science Advisory Board;
    2. Dr. Anil Nerode, Professor of Mathematics, Cornell University;
    3. Dr. Paul G. Risser, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of New Mexico; and
    4. Dr. Bernard Goldstein, former EPA Assistant Administrator for Research and Development and currently Chairman, Department of Environmental and Community Medicine, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Jersey.

- The designated federal official (DFO) for the Panel is a staff person in the Deputy Administrator's office, Wendy Cleland-Hamnett.

- The Office of Technology Transfer and Regulatory Support of the Office of Research and Development (ORD) is responsible for staffing the Panel and

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drafting the Panel's Report to the Administrator. The SAB and the Deputy Administrator's office seem to be playing important roles on the Panel's activities.

- According to ORD staff, the Panel briefed the Administrator in September 1991 to apprise him of the Panel's findings and were told that the Panel needed to research the issue further and draft a Report for the public to review.

- The ORD staff has informed us that the public will be given the opportunity to review the Report and comment, either in writing or, if they wish, in person at the next Panel meeting.

- The next meeting of the Panel has not been scheduled and the issue of how and when to make the Report available to the public is also unresolved at this time.

According to the EPA staff, since we attended all the Expert Panel meetings (see enclosed notes on the meetings), we are definitely on the mailing list for both the draft and the meeting invitation. We will keep you apprised as soon as we hear anything further on this matter.

Enclosures

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